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WITH TONGUE UP SHOWING ZIP CLOSURE

ANTHONY KERRIGAN: ZIPPED FOOTBALL BOOT

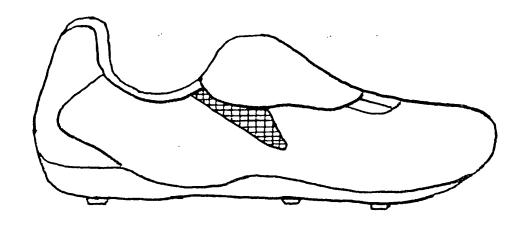


Fig 2 Side VIEW WITH TONGUE DOWN

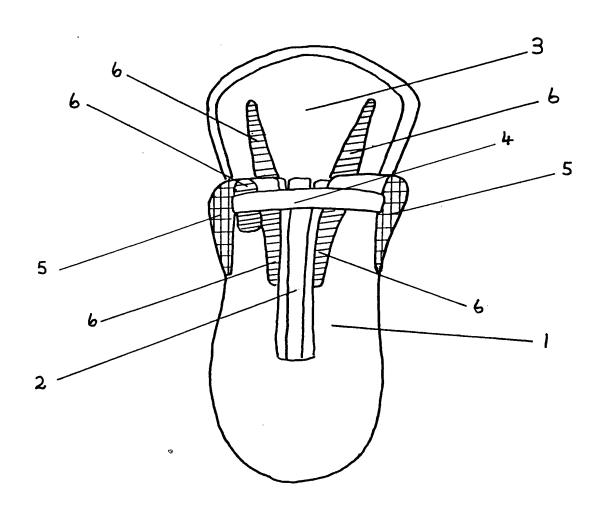


Fig 3
TOP VIEW: WITH TONGUE FOLDED BACK
AND REFERENCE NUMBERS

## THE INVENTION

## ZIPPED FOOTBALL BOOT

Relates to a concealed self covering zip, with elasticated support/fit replacing the lace in football boots. Football is now more popular that ever before. More and more children are taking up the sport at an earlier age. There has, however, been a problem with children in the age group of 5 - 10 year olds relacing up their footwear to play football in. Many children cannot lace/unlace their footwear. It becomes more of a problem if there is no adult present to assist them and even more exasperating in wet or cold weather. This can present problems for coaching staff/teachers as precious time is wasted tying/retying laces that become undone. This concept removes the problem and also provide additional benefits, easy on/off capability, no pressure point discomfort and eliminated injury risk of players tripping over undone laces.

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Fig 3 TOP VIEW: WITH TONGUE FOLDED BACK AND REFERENCE NUMBERS

## REFERENCE NUMBERS FOR FIG 3

Nº1: BOOT

Nº 2 : CONCEALED SELF COVERING ZIP CLOSURE

N°3: UNDER-SIDE OF TONGUE

Nº4: VELCRO OVER STRAP FOR EXTRA SECUREMENT

N°5: ELASTIC GUSSET

N°6: VELCRO